

Minutes for February 2018 Club Meeting

Lowell Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting - 02/15/18

Meeting Called to order: 7:00PM

Officers Present: (x)President (x)Vice-President (x)Treasure (x)Secretary
(x)Tech Advisor ()Web Master () PIO

Number of Members present: 7 Number of Guests present: 1
Of the 13 Attendees 9 are ARRL members

Secretaries Report: (x) Read - () Amended - (x) Approved

Treasures Report: (x) Read - () Amended - (x) Approved

Minutes and detailed financial report are available in club Dropbox

Vice President Report: Del (W8WDW) had misspoken back in October about the Ionia State Game Area only being open to MSPOTA in 2017, it will actually be open for activation for all three years of the program and he reiterated his desire for the club to go and activate it sometime.

Technical Report: Josh (KE8CPD) was ill at the start of the month so the fox hunt project has been pushed, Josh did explain that this will be an attenuator build with an estimated cost of \$15. There was also a brief discussion on what fox hunting was for several new members.

Josh also has the plans for the new can filters and just needs to purchase the hardware, it is expected that this will be complete and ready to use for field day.

The ARRL Grid Square Contest is in full swing and for the month of February our very own Michael W. (KD8ZGL) is in 24th place for the state as of meeting time.

AMSAT just launched a new Dstar satellite.

Josh (KE8CPD) has the sheet metal and the new AC gear ready for the new cabinet at the base of the FROM antenna, this will facilitate the radio room move which is already in process.

Web Master Report: Nathan (N8THN) has installed the latest patches and updates to the website. The club is still in need of a web master.

PIO Report: Not present

Old Business:

- The fox hunt attenuator project is still in the works, we are waiting for parts to arrive. Several attendees expressed an interest in participating in the build.
- We have not yet but we will send a letter to the family of the Lowell silent key thanking them for their donation of the his equipment.

New Business:

- From the treasurers report: so far this year we have 8 Diamond Club sponsors. We also received two additional donations earmarked for the IFR repair bill one for \$200 and the other for \$100.

- There was a discussion about what or whom people are using to print QSL cards. Several people recommended www.thesignman.com.
- There was interest expressed in getting name badges/tags made.
- A motion was made and passed to use the \$300 earmarked donations and an additional \$125 to pay off the remainder of the IFR repair bill.
- There was some additional discussion on what the IFR was and how it is used to calibrate and certify the frequencies of our repeaters as well as members radios.
- We also discussed the radio room move which has begun, and Nathan (N8THN) was going to do some additional work tonight to be facilitate the installation of the door lock.

Meeting adjourned 7:36pm: Minutes by Secretary Tad K8TCS